Public (Elections) **(1948) Department.**

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Elections - New Constitution - Electoral rolls - Preparation - Press communique in English and in the regional languages - Distribution - Orders - issued -

The following press Communique is iissued.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE No.21 D/7-9-1948.

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1. According to the Draft Constitution of India, elections to the Lower Houses of the Central and Provincial Legislatures should be held on the basis of adult suffrage. The Government have decided that steps should be taken immediately to prepare draft preliminary electoral rolls on the basis of adult suffrage, and they have accordingly issued executive instructions in this behalf. These rolls will be published, in due course, as the preliminary rolls under the new Electoral Law that will be enacted after the new Constitution of India has come into force.

2. As an essential preliminary step, a permanent schemes of numbering of houses, which is considered very desirable, for the preparation of the electoral rolls as well as for Census purposes, will be introduced throughout the Province. The scheme has been so designed that, with the knowledge of the number assigned to a house, one can locate it exactly. In major Panchayats, Municipalities and the Corporation of Madra the existing scheme of numbering of houses will be adapted suitably. But in minor Panchayats and villages, the houses will be numbered afresh, as there is no satisfactory system of numbering of houses in these areas at present. These new numbers will be marked on the houses, either on the front door or next to it on the wall.

The numbers will be permanent and maintained, and are intended to be used, as a matter of convenience, for official as well as private and purposes, whenever the houses have to be specified precisely

In the Corporation of Madras, Municipalities and major Panchayats where there are Executive Officers, this numbering work will be carried out by the Commissioners of the Executive Officers. as the case may be.

In the remaining areas in the Province, this work will be carried out by the village officers under the supervision of special staff appointed for the purpose and the Taluk Tahsild or Deputy Tahsildar as the case may be.

3(1) As soon as the numbering of houses is completed, the enumeration of voters will commence. This will be carried ou in minor Panchayats and villages by the village officers and completed by the 8th October 1948. For the enumeration of the voters in major Panchayats, Municipalities and the Corporation of Madras, the system of simultaneous enumeration as under the Census method will be adopted. An adequate number of enumerators will be deputed for the purpose by the Collectors, and the enumeration carried out on the 8th and the 9th October, 1948; both these days will be declared as general holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act. Women enumeratorsing Gosha women.

(2)4. A person will be entitled to be registered as a voter in the draft preliminary electrol rolls, only if he or she has the qualifications specified below:-

(a) The voter should not be below 21 years of age on the 1st January 1948.
(b) He or she should be a citizen of India as defined in Article 5 of the Draft Constitution of India.
(c) He or she should not be of unsound mind and stand so declared by a competent Court.
(d) He or she should have resided in the electoral unit of the area where his or her name is to be included, for a period of not less than 180 days during the financial year ending on the 31st March 1948.

NOTE:-
if he sometimes uses it as a sleeping place, and a person shall not be deemed to cease to reside in a place merely because he is absent from it or has another dwelling in which he resides, if he is at liberty to returnto the pla at any time and has not abandoned his intentenion of retu ing.

For the purpose of clause (ii) of the Explanation under Article 5 of the Draft Constitution, the claimant's intention to deposit the requisite declaration in writing in the office of the District Magistrate, if expressed in writing and given to the enumerator, will be accepted and acted upon.

(3) No person will be included in the electoral ro: of more than one electoral unit or included twice in the electoral roll of a particular electoral unit.

(4) According to the Draft Constitution, there wil be no communal or special constituencies of any kindl Ther will, therefore, be only a single common electoral roll, will be used even for purposes of election by the joint electorate to seats reserved for the recognised minorities namely the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Indian Chri tians and Muslims.

(5) The Collectors will make all the arrangements necessary in connection with the enumeration of voters as mentioned above. The enumerator will visit, in order, eve house allotted to him and fill in the printed enumeration form, in his own hand, in ink, on the spot. The voters signature of thumb impression, as the case may be, will be obtained below the declaration in the enumeration form. T declaration is to the effect that the particulars recorded in the enumeration form relate to the voter, that they are true, that he is a citizen of India, that he has the residential qualification referred to above, and that he has n been enumerated at any other place in this enumeration. A literate voter can, before signing the declaration, read the entries and satisfy himself that they have been entere correctly, while, in the case of illiterate persons, it wi be the enumerator's duty to read over the entires to them before obtaining their thumb impression.

(6) The enumerator will enter in the enumeration form particulars in respect of only those persons whom he finds at the place where they possess the residential qualification. Friends, relations and other visitors found in the houses will be ignored by the enumerator.

(7) Refugees from Pakistan will, if otherwise fied, be enumerated on a declaration by them of their intention to resude permanently in the town or village where they are found at the time of the enumeration, irrespective of the actual period of their residence in this Province. Such enrolment will be liable to revision with reference to the new Electoral Law that will be enacted under the new Constitution. The question of relaxing the residential qualification in favour of these refugees will be considered when that legislation is taken up for consideration.

The enumeration will go on continuously from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on these two days. Each enumerator will be working continuously from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both these two days, except for a short interval of one hour between 12 noon and 1 P.M. for his meal.

10. It will be noticed that, under the above scheme, a voter will be enumerated only at the place where he possesses the residential qualification and he will be enumerated if he is available there to sign the declaration or affix his thumb impression, as the case may be.

Persons who, at the time of the enumeration, are residing at a place other than the place where they have the residential qualification, as well as those who escape enumeration on account of their deputation on enumeration duty, should send a written application, not later than the 13th October, 1948, to the Tahsildar of the Taluk where they have the residential qualification. These applications should be in the form given below:

Enumeration of persons who have changed their residence after 31st March 1948, and those on enumeration duty.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

From

(i) Name:
(ii) Father's, Karnavan's or Husband's name:
(iii) Present address in full.

To

The Tahsildar,
Taluk,

Sir,

I request to be enrolled as a voter in the draft preliminary Electoral Rolls which are now under preparation. During the financial year ended on the 31st March 1948, I resided within your jurisdiction at the addressed specified below:

4. The draft preliminary Electoral Rolls will be prepared on the basis of the completed enumeration forms. The electoral rolls for the States of Pudukkottai, Banganapalle and Sandur will be prepared on exactly the same lines

5. All this complicated work cannot be carried out successfully without the whole-hearted co-operation of the public. The Government trust that such co-operation will be coming to the fullest extent.

Copies to all Collectors.
All Revenue Divisional Officers.
The Tahsildars, and Deputy Tahsildars.
The Commissioner, Corporation of Madras through the Mayor.
All Commissioners of Municipalities through the Chairman, Municipal Councils.
The Executive Officers of major Panchayats.
Copy to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.
Copy to the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor

ELECTIONS--IMMEDIATE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public (Elections) Department.
Memorandum No.4496/48-654, dated 22nd

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ELECTIONS - New Constitution - Electoral rolls - Preparation - Press Communique in English - Supply of.

English copies of Press Communique No.21, dated 7-9-1948 are forwarded to all Collectors of Districts. Copies should be distributed as shown below:-

Collector	2 copies
Revenue Divisional Officers	1 copy each
Tahsildars	1 "
Deputy Tahsildars in charge of sub-taluks	1 "
Commissioners of Municipalities	1 "
Executive Officers of major Panchayats	1 "
Special Election Deputy Tahsildars attached to the Municipalities of Madura, Vijayavada, Tiruchirapalli, Salem, Coimbatore & Calicut.	1
Special Election Deputy Collector, Madras	1 copy.

Copies in regional languages i.e., in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada which are for wide distribution in villages and towns will be supplied by the Superintendent, Government Press, to the Collectors concerned direct, Separate instructions for distribution of the language copies will follow.

V.A.Arputhanathan,
Asst. Secretary to Government.

To
All Collectors.
Copy to the Superintendent, Government Press. Madras.

ELECTIONS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public(Elections) Department
Memorandum No.5429/48-1, dated 26th September, 1948.

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ELECTIONS - New Constitution -Electoral rolls - Preparation - Press Communique in the regional languages - Distribution.

A statement showing the number of copies of press communique to be printed in regional languages i.e. in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada and distributed to all Collectors of districts is forwarded to the Superintendent Government Press. The Superintendent Government press is requested to supply the required number of copies to all Collectors immediately. The printing should be done on one side only so that the copies may be affixed on the wall. As the language copies are intended for wide distribution in villages and towns and as the Collectors may, if necessary, apply for additional copies, the Superintendent Government Press is requested to keep the type standing till the 8th October, 1948.

2. On receipt of copis of the Press Communique in regional languages the Collectos are requested to distribute them in their districts as shon below:-

1 Copy for every village (this includes village Panchayat).
5 Copies for each major Panchayat, the intention being to publish one cop in each ward of the Panchayat.
20 copies for each municipality for publication in each ward of the municipalty.

In order to enable the Collectors to supply more copies to Panchayats or Municipalties with more than 5 or 20 wards respectively extra 50 copis are also supplied to Collectors.

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4. 50 copies each of the Press Communique in English Tamil, Telugu will be supplied to the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras by the Superintendent, Government Press. The Commissioner is requested to arrange for the publication of the Press Communique in all the divisions in the City.

To
The Superintendent, Government Press(with statement).
All Collectors of districts(with statement)
The Commissioner. Corporation of Madras through the Mayor.

Statement of the number of copies of Press Communique in regional languages to be distributed to all the Collectors of the districts by the Superintendent, Government Press.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public(Elections) Department.
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Memorandum No.5429/48-3, dated 28th September 1948.

LECTIOSNS - NEW CONSTITUTION - Electrol rolls - Preparation Press Communique in regional languages Distribution and publication by beat of tom tom.
Ref: Govt. Memorandum No.5429/48-1, dated 26th Sept.1948.

Executive Officers of major Panchayat Boards, Commissioners of Municipalities and all Collectors are informed that the copies of the Press Communique in the local language, which have been ordered to be sent to them, should be affixed in conspicuous places which will attract wide public attention in each village, or ward in Major Panchayats and Municipalities, and the fact of such affixture should be announced by beat of tom tom in the village; or in all wards, as the case may be.

S. Venkateswaran,
Addl Secretary to Government.

To
The Executive Officers of major Panchayats.
The Commissioners of Municipalities.
All Collectors.
Copy to the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, Ripon Buildings Park Town, Madras-3.

Copy of Government Memorandum No.5429/48-3, dated 28th September, 1948 from the Public(Elections) Deptt., addressed to the Executive Officer of major Panchayats and Commissioners of Municipalities and all Collectors, Copy to the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras.

Sub: Elections - New Constitution - Electrol rolls - Preparation - Press Communique in regional languages - Distribution and publication by beat of tom tom.
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26-9-48.